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Applicant(s)

KUMAGAI ET AL.

Examiner

ZULMARIAM MENDEZ

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/222009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4 and 7.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: ____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

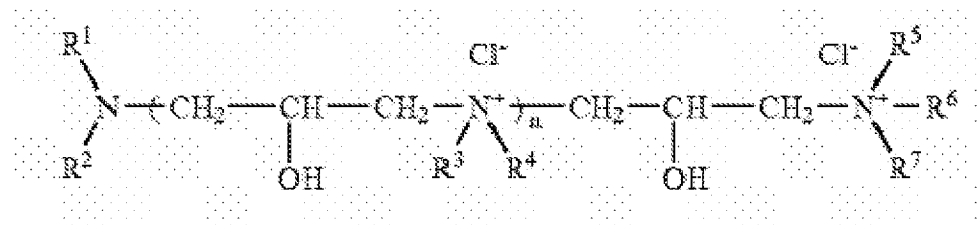
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other ____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Terryence Chapman on May 27, 2010.
3. Claims 5, 6 and 8 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

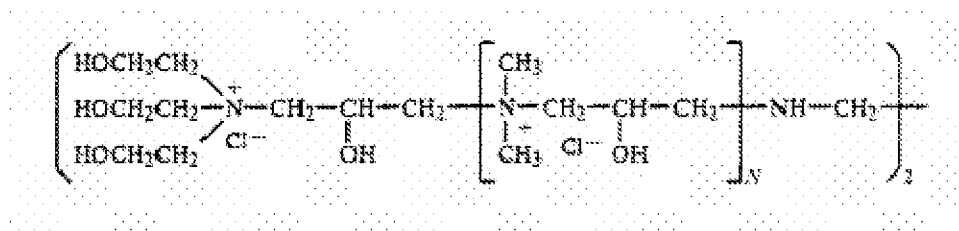
4. Claims 4 and 7 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the present invention requires an electrolytic solution comprising a quaternary amine salt obtain by a reaction between epichlorohydrin and an amine compound mixture composed of a secondary and a tertiary amine compound and an organic sulfur compound. The quaternary amine salt has the following structure:



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Wherein R1 to R7 are each a methyl or an ethyl group and n is a number from 1 to 1000. This electrolyte composition provides lower surface roughness while maintaining acceptable temperature elongation and tensile strengths.

The Prior Art made of record discloses a reaction of epichlorohydrin with a mixture of amine compounds wherein the resulting quaternary amine salt is represented by the following structure:



However, applicant's arguments have been found persuasive because none of the Prior Art made of record discloses wherein all of the functional groups R₁ to R₇ are each a methyl or an ethyl group. The amine compounds in the Prior Art are selected from alcohols, i.e. triethanolamine and/or cyclic compounds, i.e. morpholine, which would exclude the resulting polymer from the presently claimed invention. There was not found a teaching suggesting modification of the conventional electrolytic solution to obtain the composition of the present invention.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ZULMARIAM MENDEZ whose telephone number is (571)272-9805. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 9am to 7pm.

8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexa Neckel can be reached on 571-272-1446. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Alexa D. Neckel/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1795